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"The Gospel Cause is a strenuous one. It demands and requires service at the hands of its adherents; but the nearer men live to its precepts, the better they are."—JOHN H. TAYLOR.

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REVELATION AND PRAYER

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OF THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE

UPON the foundation of revelation was laid the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. God spoke again in this dispensation to the Prophet Joseph Smith, and revealed to him the true religion of Jesus Christ, with the promise that it should be established, never more to be thrown down or given to another people.

How well our predecessors built upon this foundation is to-day recognized by nearly all peoples of the civilized world; for the "fruits" of the Restored Gospel are eloquently expressive of its power to bring true happiness to its adherents, and are unmistakably apparent to everyone who is honest in his observance of the accomplishments of the Church.

We have no need to be discouraged because of the slow growth in numbers in the Church. I have never felt that it is altogether numbers that count, for I recognize the fact that God, in one Person, is greater than all of the world. This great latter-day work is His work, and it will be carried on until every prediction that has been made by the prophets of old, and those of this dispensation have been fulfilled.

It is an individual work, too. Every person in the Church, from the youthful to the aged, finds some place for labour in the Gospel Cause. Every man, every woman, every boy, every girl finds a place for active service in the Church. I have no doubt but what God intended that it should be so; for it is one reason why men, and women, boys and girls, in the Church can stand before an audience and testify that they know that God lives, that Jesus is the Christ, and that this is indeed God's work.

We as a Church are not interested in the criticisms and wicked misrepresentations made against us in the past. I think that through the lives of our members in the past one hundred years has been demonstrated the irrefutable fact that living the principles of "Mormonism" makes of people better men, better women, and better citizens. If it were otherwise, and proved to be otherwise, there would be no greater positive proof that this latter-day work is not of God.

During the recent World War, were there any young men in the armies that lived cleaner lives than the young "Mormon" soldiers? How often have I met officers of the army who warmed my heart by saying what fine, outstanding, honourable, clean young men they were. They became known to their officers wherever they were for their outstanding and admirable qualities. I do not care whether it be in war, whether it be at home—I do not care where they go any place in the world, Latter-day Saints ought to be recognized as somewhat different from the ordinary peoples of the world. If their religion does not make them so, they have not the spirit of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I expect to see the day come when the honest peoples of the world will say: "This world would be better, people would be happier, success would be obtained through their endeavours, if they accepted and practised the principles of the Church of Jesus Christ." Within its beliefs, within its knowledge, and within its teachings, young men, and young women, old men and old women, will find consolation: and it will lead them to seek God in prayer.

I WANT to bear you my testimony that all those who honestly pray, night and morning, to the God that gave them life—the Creator of this world—and pray in earnest, will receive consolation, and will receive that for which they are seeking, if it be to their advantage.

Prayer is a most essential step in gaining a testimony of God and of His latter-day work. I have passed through the period of doubt. I have felt in my soul that I could not say that this was the true Church of Christ. I know what doubt is! I know; and I can testify to you that doubt can only be removed, if it is an honest person and a soul seeking for truth, by asking God to give him or her a testimony of Jesus the Christ, and of the work established in this dispensation. And when that knowledge comes, I want to say to you that it is the happiest experience, and the most wonderful knowledge that comes to a man, a woman, a boy, or a girl.

And to my own people I want to give the advice that my mother gave to me. Particularly to the young people that have not yet received a testimony within their souls that this is God's work do I wish to pass on her wise counsel: "Keep yourself unspotted from the sins of the world, and pray to God earnestly day and night; and I promise you that you shall know that this is God's work."

And so I say to all, if you want to know that this is God's work, He will reveal it to you, providing you prepare your minds and hearts and souls for it.—(Digest of an address delivered in the Tabernacle at Salt Lake City, Utah, September 10th, 1933.)

RUTH MAY FOX

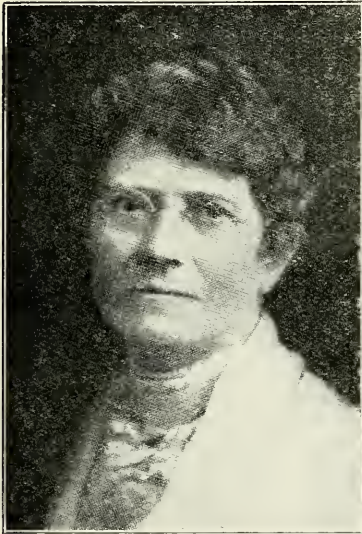
THE GENERAL PRESIDENT OF THE Y. L. M. I. A.

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THE world, in its materialistic vision of life, has attempted throughout the ages to measure and evaluate those powers which most strongly affect man during his life upon this earth. Standing always foremost is that power upon which no value can be placed. The influence of the life of a good woman can

never, world's without end, be determined. It is a power that reaches into every phase of human life, that knows no barrier of class or creed, that began back in the æons of time and shall continue throughout eternity. This truth is beautifully stated in the words of George Meredith: "God's rarest blessing is, after all, a good woman."

The word of the Lord upon the shores and along the highways of Great Britain has found stalwart men. Ceaselessly have they toiled to learn the will of the Father, and their lives have been devoted to conformity to that will. But among "God's rarest blessings" which have come from this land is the life of His daughter, Ruth May Fox. Eighty years ago it had a humble beginning, but its influence has left indelible traces in the progress of God's work in these last days.



RUTH MAY FOX

It is gratifying to know that the Lord has use for women as well as men in the establishment and promulgation of His great work. And it is gratifying to know that out of this land has come one whose influence for good extends beyond human power of measurement.

President Ruth May Fox was born in Wiltshire, England, November 16th, 1853. She was a daughter of James and Mary Ann May. At the age of sixteen months she was left motherless, and from that time until she was eight years of age her lot was not the usual carefully planned one of childhood. She was moved from town to town that she might be near her father, who during that time was a travelling elder. For the next four years she lived in Yorkshire with her father, and from him she learned of the truths and principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ which have motivated her life's work. She was taught to rely implicitly upon God, which gave her an unwavering faith. She was taught the Word of Wisdom so effectively that she has never been tempted to disobey its truths. She was taught to be truthful and honest; to share with another and to give that other first choice; to suffer wrong rather than do wrong.

It was from Yorkshire that her father left for America. He was an expert carder and readily secured employment in Philadelphia. A few months later Ruth joined him there. Just twelve years of age she began a new life in a new land, but those twelve years had produced a firm foundation for the building of an abundant life. Thus Britain gave another noble soul to be a leader in God's kingdom in these latter days.

Ruth gained the companionship and love of a mother as well as of a sister when her father married an English widow with whom she had made the trip to America. When enough money had been saved, the family proceeded to Salt Lake valley by ox team and on foot. The woman who now heads the great Y. L. M. I. A. experienced, as a girl, all the hardships of pioneer life. These are moulded into her character and have shaped her life. They have held her staunch to the ideals of right and the cause of truth.

IN 1872, at the age of nineteen, Ruth May was married to Jesse W. Fox, Jr. She understood the divine purpose of this relationship. She realized that she formed the link between the past and the future; that within her lay the power to assist in bringing to pass the glorious purposes of the Lord for His children; that all other aims in life should be subordinated to this. Her Father had entrusted to her the greatest of all gifts, the possibility of motherhood, and she brought into this mortal world twelve of God's immortal spirits. Ten of these twelve children are still living.

The scholastic training of Ruth May Fox was limited. She attended school in England until her eleventh year, and only a few months in the schools of the new "West" supplemented this early training. This fact, however, has not interfered with her development, and to-day she is the peer of many women who have had much greater advantages. Naturally desirous of knowledge and quick to learn, she has acquired for herself an education. She has kept in touch with the studies of her children, and has even found time in her busy life to take advantage of the opportunities offered through correspondence work. One of her daughters says that the most vivid recollections of her mother pictured her trimming the edges from a pie, sitting at the sewing machine humming an earnest obligato as she sped along, or snatching a few moments at the end of the day to devote to reading. Her life is a living testimony of what it means to "develop the gifts within us," and is a challenge to every woman of to-day.

In addition to her role as a wife and mother in Israel, Sister Fox has always found time for service to others. She has taken an active interest in the Woman's Suffrage Association. She was a member of the committee which drafted the memorial asking the constitutional convention that the franchise for women be placed in the constitution for the State of Utah. She was a charter member of the Woman's Press Club, and has served as its secretary and president. She was a director of the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society for eight years, having been appointed to that position by Governor Heber M. Wells. Ever since the organization of the Bureau of Information on the Temple Block Sister Fox has acted as one of the guides who give their time for the benefit of the tourists. But above all, she has always answered the call of the Lord. For nineteen years she

served in the Primary organization. During the past thirty-five years she has been affiliated with the General Board of the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association, and to that organization she has given her untiring efforts. Since March 28, 1929, she has stood as its president, influencing the lives of thousands of the young members of the Church.

November 16th marked the eightieth birthday anniversary of Ruth May Fox, and the vast membership of the Mutual Improvement Associations paid honour to one so worthy of their admiration and respect. She is indeed loved and respected by the youth of the Church, for she has been a champion of their cause and an inspiration to them in all righteous endeavours. Under the auspices of the General Board of the Y. L. M. I. A. a reception was held in the Bee-Hive House in Salt Lake City, on her anniversary, and an invitation was extended to all Mutual Improvement officers and other friends of this active and talented leader. She received the congratulations and blessings of hundreds of her friends and admirers throughout the Church.

ONE of the "treasures" which came to her on that day was an attractively decorated leather binder containing a birthday greeting from the Y. L. M. I. A. organizations of ninety-seven of the Stakes of Zion and many of the Missions of Zion. Among these greetings will be found one representing the love of her girls in these far-off lands. The following is the greeting sent in behalf of the Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations of the European Missions:

A few months ago it was the privilege of the writer to travel through the beautiful country in Wiltshire, England. As I passed through the quaint little towns with their thatch-roofed cottages, my thoughts went to one who here was born and who learned her first lessons of life in the atmosphere of just such English villages.

There are on the streets of these English villages men and women who were boys and girls when Ruth May was among them. They do not know, neither could they realize, that the influence of one born under the same conditions as they is now felt throughout the nations of the world.

Forty-three hundred members of the Y. L. M. I. A. in the European Missions follow her leadership. Nearly five hundred Bee-Hive girls treasure in their books the story of her life. The experiences of eighty years, joys and sorrows beautifully blended together, have built a life pattern which, with the help of our Father, we can but try to follow.

Sister Fox, your M. I. A. girls of twelve nations send greetings to you and pray that the coming years will be filled with the rich joy which comes from a life of loving service.

May the Spirit of the Lord ever dwell with our President, and may happiness fill every nook and corner of her eighty-first year is our prayer.

In Sister Fox there is a quality of agelessness. She is like Peter Pan—the one who would never grow old. Years have been added unto her, but they have subtracted nothing from her. Physically, mentally, spiritually, she is vitally strong and alert. Many of us, whose years are few in comparison to hers, stand in envy at her marvellous power of body and mind. In speaking of her strength and vitality she takes little credit to herself, for modesty is one of her virtues. She says: "In the first place, I inherited a strong constitution, and then my father taught me to keep the Word of Wisdom." The Lord has made great promises to those who keep His word. Ruth May Fox stands a living fulfillment

of those promises. She has indeed found "great treasures of knowledge, even hidden treasures." After eighty years filled with constant service and after having given birth to twelve children, yet can she "run and not be weary, and walk and not faint." To the young people of to-day her life preaches a sermon mightier than words could ever convey.

AS a poet, President Ruth May Fox has made an enduring name for herself. Her poems are known and loved throughout the Church. She portrays to us in simple verse the mighty lessons of life and makes the common-place things shine forth in the real wonder of creation. "Mormon" literature is rich with her contributions. Have you caught the message of our M. I. A. song, "Carry On"? It is typical of the inspiration with which she writes. Every member should know it and let its motivating force carry her on as it is doing for our great band of latter-day youth.

One of Sister Fox's creations which so well portrays her character is this:

I care not for friendship which endures not the test ;
I care not for slander, with my conscience at rest ;
I gauge not my life by what others may do,
But I love, O I love, the words that ring true.

I care not for smiles, be they ever so bright,
Which pass into shadow at the coming of night ;
I care not for tones, be they gentle as dew,
Come they not from the heart—the heart that is true.

Opinions may differ, mistakes may be made,
Dismal failure on ashes of failure be laid ;
Keen judgment may err, and miss the right clue,
I care not a whit, if the motive be true.

But I do love the clasp of a good honest hand,
Be it hardened by toil, or born to command ;
And those who love me, be they many or few—
God bless them, I love them, because they are true.

"Womanhood" has found new meaning in the lives of Latter-day Saint women. The true purpose of woman's earthly mission has been shown to the world in the great drama of the last one hundred years of "Mormonism." Ruth May Fox is nobly playing her part and setting a standard for the girlhood and womanhood of Zion—a mother in Israel and yet a leader among her fellowmen.

The people of Great Britain have just cause for pride as they view the accomplishments and devotion of this life. Ruth May Fox has passed on to six sons and six daughters the noble English heritage which was hers. Back to the land of her birth comes her message of to-day: "Carry on—carry on."

LEADING youth, leading children to know God, to have faith in His laws, to have confidence in His Fatherhood, and to find solace and peace in His love, this is the greatest privilege, the most sublime opportunity offered the true educator.—DAVID O. MCKAY.

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PRIESTHOOD

First Week. Opening exercises. Local Priesthood activity report. Two twelve-minute talks: First—"A Thought for the New Year: Man Is That He Might Have Joy." (Reference: *A Rational Theology*, pp. 28-32.) Second—"The Work of the Priesthood and the Church in Making Life a Joyous Experience." (Reference: *A Rational Theology*, Chapters 16 and 18.)

Second Week. Opening exercises. Local Priesthood activity report. As bearers of the Priesthood, what have you done during the past week to carry the Gospel message to others? As officers in the Church, what methods are you using to discharge this responsibility? Lesson: *Vitality of Mormonism*, Chapter 6: "For time only or for eternity?" After answering the questions at the end of the chapter, discuss, in good, concrete terms: "How can we better render full justice and allegiance to *our* organization, The Priesthood."

Third Week. Opening exercises. Local Priesthood activity report. It will be well to have an occasional check-up with the members of the Priesthood to see if the various auxiliary organizations are receiving the full support of the Priesthood. Such is essential to a successful branch. Two twelve-minute talks: First—"The Will of Man and his Free Agency." (Reference: *A Rational Theology*, Chapters 4 and 8.) Second—"How a Man Can Best Exercise His Power of Agency." (Reference: Doctrine and Covenants, Section 58, especially verses 26-32; Chapter 9, *A Rational Theology*.)

Fourth Week. Opening exercises. Local Priesthood activity report. Nature demands that we grow or perish. Let us exercise our wills in better performance of Priesthood activities—and grow! Lesson: *Vitality of Mormonism*, Chapter 7: "Apostles and Prophets Necessary." Be sure to consider 1 Corinthians 12: 12-21, in answering the last question in the text.—G. H. D.

RELIEF SOCIETY

First Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme. A talk: "How may a woman encourage and aid her family and friends to obey the Word of Wisdom?" Lesson text: *Theology*—"The Word of Wisdom"; Lesson IV. Objective: To develop and strengthen our faith to comply with the principles of truth that we know and understand.

Second Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme. A Dialogue: Portraying the value of serving and helping others." Work and Business. Lesson text: *Teacher Topic*—Self-effort; Lesson IV. Objective: The kingdom of God which is within each of us can only be obtained through self-effort.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1933

EDITORIAL

BRITAIN'S CONTRIBUTION TO CHURCH LEADERSHIP

THE article on Ruth May Fox in this issue of the *Millennial Star* calls attention to this remarkable woman and serves to remind us of the great contribution Britain has made to leadership in the Church.

Just as a reminder let us note a few names of Britishers that are outstanding in Church history. John Taylor, the third president of the Church, born 1808, lived in England twenty years before emigrating to America. President George Q. Cannon, born in Liverpool in 1827, spent here the first fifteen years of his life before going to America. From 1860 until his death in 1901 he was one of the Church leaders, first as an Apostle and then for twenty-one years as a member of the First Presidency. John R. Winder, born at Biddenden in 1821, was first counsellor in the First Presidency during nine years, 1901-1910. The first thirty-one years of his life were lived in England. President Charles W. Penrose first saw the light of day in London in 1832. He lived in England about twenty-nine years before going to Utah. He was ordained an Apostle in 1904, and became a member of the First Presidency seven years later. President Charles W. Nibley was born in 1849 at Hunterfield, near Edinburgh, and went to America with his parents about six years later. He became Presiding Bishop of the Church in 1907, and a member of the First Presidency in 1925; he died near the close of 1931 in his 83rd year. Apostle George Teasdale, member of the Council of Twelve, 1884-1907, was also born in London, 1831. The first thirty years of his life were lived in England. From baptism until death he was a most sincere, active worker in the Church. Apostle James E. Talmage, born in 1862, at Hungerford, lived his first fourteen years in England. He became an Apostle in 1911, an office in which he served with great ability until his death in 1933. The new member of the Council of Twelve Apostles, Charles A. Callis, was born in Dublin in 1865. At eight years of age he was baptized into the Church in Liverpool, and two years later left with his family for Utah. President Brigham H. Roberts of the First Council of Seventy was, as readers of the *Millennial Star* already know, of British birth. He was born in Warrington in 1857, and moved to Utah nine years later. The late presidents, Edward Stevenson and George Reynolds, of the First Council of Seventy, were also British born and reared. They both heard and accepted the Gospel here. For a number of years before going to Liverpool and finally to Utah, Elder Reynolds was an energetic missionary in London, his home city.

The foregoing are the names of only a few British-born subjects who joined the Church and became outstanding in Church leader-

ship. This short list of names could be greatly lengthened with the names of stalwart leaders who were born under the British flag. But short as the list is, it contains the names of some of the most outstanding characters in Church history. Of the names given all have died but one. Each of these passed to the Great Beyond with an undying testimony on his lips of the divinity of this work. His absolute testimony of this truth came to him as a revelation from God. Such a testimony will come to any other person who will fulfill the conditions as these men did.

A contemplation of the foregoing names should bring great satisfaction to Church members in the British Mission. Free emigration to America no longer exists. What are Church converts to do? The answer is plain—stay where they are; live the Gospel truly, and enjoy the rewards for so living, the blessing of Him who overrules the doings of men and nations for the accomplishment of His divine purposes. The Gospel is for all men everywhere, for all who will accept it. Zion is where live the pure in heart. The Church is to be built up in these missions. Energetic, capable workers are needed. Branches are to be established. There is work here to do—work that will challenge the abilities of the strongest and the ablest.

Let no one lament that he cannot go to the body of the Church in America. The Lord has great need of all who will enlist in His Cause. The Gospel can be lived here as well as there. And opportunities for growth and development in the Church exist here as there. Let no member be guilty of the sin of inactivity. The call goes out to every one. Blessings await all who joyfully answer it.—M.

GREETINGS

THE British Mission Relief Society Board wish to extend the Season's Greetings to all members and workers of the Relief Societies of the British Mission.

It is at this time of the year that our thoughts are of Him who came into the world to serve the children of God and give to them the glad tidings of great joy. His message was of love and of peace on earth, good will toward men. His life, which is so replete with unselfish deeds and service, shows us the way to a fullness of joy. This we may gain by the practice of the principle so paramount in His teachings—"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

The Mission Board of the Relief Society appreciates the whole-hearted response and the splendid co-operation shown by the local Branch organizations in relief work. We hope and pray that with the beginning of a New Year, this good work may continue, that we may all truly follow the loving example of our Saviour—feed the hungry, clothe the poor, comfort the sick, and bind up the wounds of the broken hearted.

May the blessings of our Heavenly Father be with you, that all may experience the joy and happiness that comes from this labour of love. Then it will be in very deed a Happy New Year.

RINTHA PRATT DOUGLAS
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RELIEF SOCIETY

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Third Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme. A Story: Have a member read or tell before the class one of the Bible stories. (Suggested "Ruth and Naomi"—Ruth 1: 1-22; The Lion's Whelp, Ezekiel 19: 2-9). Lesson text: *Literature—The Literature of the Bible—Lesson IV.* Objective: From the standpoints of literature, message, inspiration and beauty, the Bible is supreme.

Fourth Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme (to be of your own choice). Lesson text: *Social Service—Divine Authority—Lesson IV, Centennial Tract No. 12* in the back of the book. Objective: To show the status of womanhood in relation to the exercises of the Priesthood of God. (See also *Millennial Star*, No. 43, Vol. 95, "Priesthood and Womanhood.")

RINTHA PRATT DOUGLAS.

 GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Second Week. Lesson No. 1 in the Genealogical Lesson Leaflet. "The Story of Our Race." Objective: To learn more of ourselves—before we came here; why we are here; and how we may fulfil that purpose. Suggested questions:

1. What blessings have we inherited because of our lineage that we may be classed as a few of the choice spirits of God?
2. What proof have we, other than scriptural proof, that we had a pre-existence?

Fourth Week. Lesson No. 2 in the Genealogical Lesson Leaflet. "Patriarchal Blessings." Objective: One of the duties of a Patriarch is to give blessings to members of the fold of Christ, and the only way this blessing may be fulfilled is through our faithfulness. Suggested questions:

1. Do we have any evidence in the ancient Scriptures of there being any patriarchs and of patriarchal blessings? Name them.
2. What is meant by the following—"Your blessing is in reality a revelation from the Lord to *you* for *your* inspiration and guidance.

G. D. R.

 SUNDAY SCHOOL

SACRAMENT GEM FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1934.

AND as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. (Matthew 26: 26-28.)

 GOSPEL DOCTRINE DEPARTMENT

January 7. Concert Recitation: (See Lesson Leaflet--D. and C.)

1:4.) Lesson 1. "Purpose and Importance of the Holy Scriptures." Objective: To show the purpose and importance of the Holy Scriptures in relation to man's existence and destiny.

From the very beginning man has been instructed and guided by divine revelation and commandment from God. These records were given to the patriarchs of old and, until wickedness reigned, they were passed down from generation to generation so that all might have a knowledge of the divine commandments. Suggested questions:

1. Name the Standard Works of the Church. How were they obtained? Give reasons for our difference in attitude towards them and other books written by elders of the Church.

2. Give some important items of history and doctrine revealed in the Pearl of Great Price that are not clearly stated in the Holy Bible.

3. Does the Doctrine and Covenants measure up to the standard for scriptures, in (1) revealing the will of God, (2) giving knowledge of the Gospel, (3) protecting from sin, (4) enabling us to discern between truth and error, (5) revealing God's dealings with ancient peoples, and (6) revealing things to come?

January 14. Lesson 2. "The Lord's Preface." Objective: To make known the purpose of the Lord in publishing the Doctrine and Covenants; that His covenants and commandments as revealed in this dispensation may be taught to all men on the face of the earth, and that they may have the means of escape from the judgments which are to come.

Since the church "fell asleep" and mankind drifted away from the simple principles of the Gospel, the truth had to be restored from the heavens again in order to guide men in the ways of righteousness, and to avert the calamities to come. Suggested questions:

1. In what sense is the Doctrine and Covenants "The Lord's Book"? Why should He with propriety write its preface?

2. Why is it imperative that not only Church members but all mankind should know and understand what is contained in these revelations?

3. Why is it the duty of Church members to carry the message of this book to the world?

4. Why is this mission assigned to the "weak and simple" rather than to the wise and learned men in the world?

January 21. Lesson 3. "The Lost Manuscript." Objective: To show that "The word and designs and purposes of God cannot be frustrated, neither can they come to naught."

All things were known to God in the beginning, the trials, tribulations and temptations that we would be called upon to face; but through His foreknowledge He made possible a means of redemption from all these. Suggested questions:

1. How had the Lord previously prepared for the emergency of the Lost Manuscript?

2. Account for the bitter spirit manifested by enemies of the Church.

3. What lesson was impressed upon Joseph Smith by this occurrence?

4. Why did the Nephite prophets so earnestly desire the preservation of their records?

January 28. Lesson 4. "The Call of the Witnesses." Objective: To show that in the coming forth of the Book of Mormon the Lord observed the divine law in relation to witnesses.

We are called upon to walk in this life by faith and not by sight. The Lord does not reveal Himself to the world at large lest that should limit the free agency of man. "Surely the Lord shall do nothing but he revealeth his secrets to his servants to the prophets." Suggested questions:

1. Why are the instructions in Section 4 of the Doctrine and Covenants a necessary part of the equipment of every elder in the Church.
2. Why is true service to our fellow men fittingly called "service to God"? (Read Mosiah, chap. 2.)
3. What is the great purpose back of all our missionary work and teaching within the Church?

CHURCH HISTORY DEPARTMENT

January 7. Concert Recitation: (Words of Martin Luther) "Here I take my stand, I can not do otherwise, God help me. Amen." Lesson 1. "Getting the World Ready for the True Church." Objective: Show that Columbus was divinely inspired.

January 14. Lesson 2. "Martin Luther." Objective: To show that God was enlightening the nations, leading them toward a new day of religious freedom.

January 21. Lesson 3. "How the Pilgrims Helped." Objective: To teach that our fathers, as lovers of liberty, seeking religious freedom, sacrificed everything to reach the Promised Land, and laid the foundation for the days of Restoration.

January 28. Lesson 4. "How Washington Aided." Objective: To bring out in a clear manner the four big things that Washington helped do, getting the stage set for the coming of Joseph Smith and the Restoration.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT (Sunday School Class)

Memory Gem and Concert Recitation:

"When I open my eyes in the morning
All ready for work and for play,
I think I can hear somebody whisper
Be a dear little sunbeam to-day."

January 7. Review Lesson. Objective: To initiate a type of review that will be helpful to the children in recalling important and specific events.

January 14. Lesson 80. "Jesus Begins to Preach." Objective: To show that He who would belong to God's Kingdom must follow the light of Christ. Texts: Matt. 4: 12-17; 23-25; Luke 4: 14-22; John 1: 19-41; 3: 22-26; 4: 1.

January 21. Lesson 81. "A Day with Jesus." Texts: Matt. 8: 14-18; Mark 1: 21-34; Luke 4: 31-41. Objective: To show that the Lord blesses and helps those who believe in Him.

January 28. Lesson 82. "Another Visit With Jesus." Texts: Matt. 8: 1-4; 9: 1-8; Mark 1: 35-45; 2: 1-13; Luke 5: 12-27. Objective: To show that the Lord blesses and helps those who believe in Him.—*The Instructor.*

It is suggested that the two and one-half minute talks be based upon the following topics: "What the partaking of the Sacrament means to me," and "Why I like to attend Sunday School regularly."

For singing practice during the month of January, the following songs are suggested: "Let the Lower Lights be Burning," and "For the Strength of the Hills."—J. D. R.

MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

During the month of January we shall conclude the Music phase of the Activity Programme. Drama will fill the second period, commencing in February. As the first night of each month is left open for departmental and project work, we are left with the last three nights of this month in which to complete the Music Appreciation course. Let us make the most of them!

Is your branch engaged in the *Branch Achievement Programme*? Its requirements are simple; the suggested groups are easily organized, and success soon follows. Branches that have not yet paid their M. I. A. dues will receive full credit in *Branch Achievement* if they are paid by February 15, 1934. District Supervisors please note.

WEEKLY PROGRAMME

First Night. Opening exercises. Slogan talk: "Mutual Improvement Through Improved Speech in Conversation." Class period. Regular monthly departmental programmes. (See *Guide* for December).

ADULTS: Last month, this evening was devoted to a "Travelogue." This month we suggest that each member of the department come prepared to discuss a topic of current interest. This may be in the nature of an open forum on current events. Too, recent books, articles, inventions, discoveries, are all of interest to wide-awake M. I. A. adults. For further helps see pp. 21-23 of the manual.

M MEN-GLEANER JOINT PROGRAMME: "Aids in the Development of Personality." Page 118, *Youth and Life*; page 18, Gleaner Manual. Assign the outlined talks (page 121—M Men Manual) *in advance*.

BEE-HIVES: Lesson night: Follow Guides in Handbook.

ACTIVITY PERIOD: May be used for departmental project work, rehearsals, etc., on this night; it is not time to be carelessly wasted. Have a plan!

Second Night. Opening exercises. Slogan talk by a Gleaner Girl: "Why I am Reading the Scriptures Daily." Class Period (45 minutes).

ADULTS: Chapter Seven of the text: "Belief in God—How It Matters."

M MEN: *Youth and Life*, Chapter Seven: "The Magic of a Cause."

GLEANERS: *Building a Life*, page fifteen: "Dependability."

BEE-HIVES: To be planned by the Bee-keeper.

ACTIVITY PERIOD: (45 minutes) Musical Appreciation and Participation. Lesson Eight: "Famous Love Songs." Music Activity Directors! Please make a particular effort to secure *group participation* in these remaining lessons. Supplementary materials, biographical sketches of great musicians from the class should prove beneficial towards utilizing the untold possibilities of this lesson.

Third Night. Opening exercises. Include the song, "Carry On." Review a book from the *M. I. A. Reading Course* in place of the usual slogan talk. This will have to be prepared in advance; there is no other way.

ADULTS: Chapter Eight of the text: "Is God Omnipotent?"

M MEN: Chapter Eight: "The Stuff of Heroism."

GLEANERS: Page Sixteen: "Honesty."

BEE-HIVES : Lesson : Make use of the "Guides." Help girls to plan for next week.

ACTIVITY PERIOD : (45 minutes) Lesson Nine : "Adaptation of Music to Religious Worship." Compare the chants of the Christian era, the hymns of the Reformation, and our Latter-day Saint hymns by actually singing types of each.

Fourth Night. Opening exercises. Slogan talk : "The Press—A Distinct Aid in Spreading the Refining Influences of 'Mormonism.'"

ADULTS : Chapter Nine : "A Universe of Law."

M MEN : Chapter Nine : "The Adventure of Friendship."

GLEANERS : Page Seventeen : Project ; "Gifts of the Spirit" ; "Treasures of Truth."

BEE-HIVES : To be planned by the girls.

ACTIVITY PERIOD : (45 minutes) Lesson Ten : "Youth and Music." What is the message of music to the youth of to-day? Let us carry its true message into our lives and future M. I. A. gatherings through the Branch Achievement Programme!—G. H. D.

GLENER DEPARTMENT

We hope by this time each girl has commenced her Treasures of Truth book, and that all are receiving the inspiration which comes through this wonderful work.

Once more we wish to call the attention of those who have not yet obtained the covers and pedigree charts to the fact that these are still available from the Mission Office for the price of one shilling. We would therefore urge you to either make an early application or begin making your own covers at once.

To help and guide you in the carrying out of all Gleaner work a Handbook has been prepared. Each Y. L. M. I. A. officer and gleaner girl would do well to possess one as it contains a very clear explanation, also many helpful suggestions, and will be useful for a number of years. Send for your copy of the *Gleaner Handbook* at once.

Below is given the Gleaner's prayer, which we should learn and constantly keep in our minds as we strive to reach the goal of Perfect Womanhood. Let us repeat this prayer in unison each week :

Father, I thank Thee—for fields in which to glean ;

For hunger which impels me to gather the golden grain ;

For home and friends ;

For work to do and strength to do it.

Help me to spend my strength in service, to use my talents in Thy cause.

May I show my gratitude by praising Thee in word and deed. Amen.

We shall be just as pleased to hear of your success and what you are reaping from His work, as we are to give you any information you require. May we hear from you?—C. VIOLET CLAYTON.

BEE-HIVE SCRAPBOOKS

In the past Bee-Hive girls of the British Mission have chosen their own scrapbooks, making or buying them of a size and shape to suit themselves, and arranging the material as they desired. We now suggest, however, that wherever possible the girls prepare their scrapbooks according to the following suggestions :

Cover—Stiff brown paper or cardboard on which should be printed "The Honey Comb." The inner sheets may be held with an ordinary brass fastener or a cord.

Size—10½ inches wide and 9½ inches long.

Divisions—There should be six main divisional sheets. These sheets should be decorated as the girl wishes. Flowers, bees and Bee-Hives would be very typical. The names printed on the divisional sheets should be as follows:

1. Blank space left for girl's name, name of her swarm and date she began.
2. "Probationary Requirements."
3. "Builder in the Hive."
4. "Gatherer of Honey."
5. "Keeper of the Bees."
6. "Bee-Lines and Merit Badges."

Division 1. Following the title sheet, which should be of stiff paper, is an ordinary smooth sheet on which should be sketched or painted the girl's symbol.

Division 2. Following the title sheet, for this division should be a few pages on which she writes information needed to fill the Probationary Requirements.

Division 3. On the pages following the title sheet should be drawn large hexagonal cells which almost cover the entire page. The idea is that they are cells to be filled and as the girl writes in the space inside of the hexagon the information which she gathers, she is in reality filling a cell. She should decorate around the outside of the hexagon. These sheets should be headed according to the Field in which the cell is being filled. For example, one would be "Foundation Cells," another "Religion," another "Home," then "Health," "Art," "Out-of-Doors," "Business," "Public Service." As many sheets as are needed may be under these divisions. The girl may often put information for the filling of more than one cell in a hexagon if she writes small.

Divisions 4 and 5. The sheets under these divisions are exactly the same as under Division 3, but represent work done in the last two ranks.

Division 6. Just plain sheets for the recording of the work done for Bee-lines and Merit Badges.

We hope that all Bee-Hive girls will adopt this plan for their scrapbooks, so that throughout the mission they will be uniform in size and form. If this plan is followed, our scrapbooks will be neat and all the information gathered during our Bee-Hive course will be easy to refer to or to review.—CATHERINE L. M. HORNER.

PRIMARY ASSOCIATION

First Week. Christmas Party. The children of every Branch should have a Christmas Party. The Primary, having been given the responsibility of the recreation for the children, should have charge of this social. We suggest that it be given the week following Christmas. If desired, the parents may also be invited to attend and in this way see what their children are doing and enjoy the party with them. Where possible follow the suggestive programme which has been sent out, but be sure that the children participate in whatever you plan. To have Father Christmas, himself, come to the party adds that festive cheer which is so delightful to children.

Second Week. Bible Lesson. Zion's Boys and Zion's Girls—"The Baby Jesus." Objective: To help the children to realize that, however small they may be, they all may do a great deal of good in the world if each will do his part.

Bluebird Girls, Seagull Girls and Trail Builders Boys—"Joseph's policy to stay his brothers." Genesis, Chapter 44. Objective: To help the children to realize that the greatest degree of happiness and joy can be obtained through loving our brothers.

Third Week. Ethical Story. Zion's Boys and Zion's Girls—"The Grumbling Snowflake." Bluebird Girls, Seagull Girls, and Trail Builder Boys—"How Billy Was Healed."

Fourth Week. Busy Work. St. Valentine's Day is on February 14th. Explain to the children how this day originated and how it has been developed. One story is that St. Valentine was accustomed to go about from house to house, leaving food on the doorsteps of the poor. In this act St. Valentine had a serious and beautiful desire to serve. He was not after pay or recognition but enjoyed doing this for the joy it gave him to be of service to his fellow men.

Cannot all of the Primary children imitate St. Valentine's example and render some small service to their mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, friends and neighbours? Perhaps there are lonely people in their neighbourhood whom they could make happy by doing some kind act for them. Their loved ones will appreciate a Valentine which they make in this hour of paper with a thoughtful verse on it. Try to make the children feel that they are being of real service to those about them.—N. L. W.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Transfer: Elder Donald Jay Elggren was transferred from the Liverpool District to the Ulster District, December 12th.

Arrivals and Assignments: The following elders arrived in England, December 13th, and were assigned to labour as designated:

James M. Pryde, of Gridley, California, to the Scottish District.

Albert George Hunt, of Ogden, Utah, to the Birmingham District.

Mylan Leonard Healy, of Magna, Utah, to the Bristol District.

Roscoe George Ward, of Twin Falls, Idaho, to the Liverpool District.

Ray L. Richards, of Ogden, Utah, to the Ulster District.

Richard George Harston, of Delco, Idaho, to the Leeds District.

Eugene Tuggart Pingree, of Salt Lake City, Utah, to the Leeds District.

Walter Joshua Eldredge, of Salt Lake City, Utah, to the Manchester District.

John Ridge Hicks, of Salt Lake City, Utah, to the Manchester District.

Alma Houston Boyce, of Salt Lake City, Utah, to the Newcastle District.

Murrell C. Ballantyne, of Bend, Oregon, to the Newcastle District.

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